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Response to Reply Brief

1. The reply brief filed on 26 April 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
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